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atmosphere any, but seem to produce the contrary effect. The Spanish troops are still encamped in the trenches, and many fall sick daily and die. I believe very few of the American troops are seriously sick.

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The SUPERVISING SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Surgeon Eugene Wasdin, United States Marine-Hospital Service, has been directed to proceed to Santiago to continue certain investigations with regard to the causes of yellow fever, which were in progress at Habana at the commencement of hostilities between the United States and Spain. He will also assist in sanitary work, in accordance with War Department orders of August 11, 1898.

Passed Assistant Surgeon J. O. Cobb, United States Marine-Hospital Service, has been detailed to Ponce, Puerto Rico, for quarantine inspection of vessels and crews, in accordance with the quarantine law of February 15, 1893, and by request of the Department of War. (August 11, 1898.)

MEXICO.

One death from yellow fever in Vera Cruz.

[Telegram.]

VERA CRUZ, *August 16, 1898.*

Yesterday 1 soldier died in hospital. Cause yellow fever.

CANADA,
United States Consul.

Hon. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

TRINIDAD.

Quarantine against Venezuelan ports.

TRINIDAD, BRITISH WEST INDIES, *August 2, 1898.*

SIR: I have the honor to report for the information of the Department of State that all Venezuelan ports have been proclaimed by the Trinidad Government to be infected with smallpox, for the purposes of the quarantine ordinance.

I am, sir, your obedient servant,

ALVIN SMITH,
United States Consul.

Hon. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

STATISTICAL REPORTS.

AUSTRALIA—*New South Wales—Sydney.*—Month of June, 1898. Estimated population, 417,250. Total number of deaths, 498, including diphtheria, 10; enteric fever, 6; measles, 17; smallpox, 1, and 1 from whooping cough.

BERMUDA.—Two weeks ended August 12, 1898. Estimated population, 15,013. One death.